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SUBJECT: ROK UN STRATEGY

1. SUMMARY: FONMIN KIM YONG SIK HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 13 IN REACTION TO JAPANESE NEWS-PAPER REPORTS ASSERTING THAT ROKG WILL PROPOSE DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK AT NEXT SESSION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. KIM STRONGLY DENIED THESE REPORTS AND WENT ON TO STATE ROKG POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO WITHDRAWAL OF UN FORCES.

2. FONMIN KIM CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE MORNING OF JULY 13 IN REACTION TO PRESS STORY OUT OF TOKYO. STORY, WHICH ATTRIBUTED TO SEOUL SOURCES, STATED ROKG PLANS TO PROPOSE DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK AT NEXT SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE REPORT WENT ON TO INDICATE HOWEVER ROKG IS WORRIED THAT DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK BY UN MIGHT ALSO LEAD TO DISMANTLING OF UNC AND POSSIBLE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES.

3. FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR POINTS MADE BY FONMIN KIM:

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A. JAPANESE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS THAT ROKG WILL PROPOSE DISBANDING OF UNCURK AT NEXT SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE COMPLETELY FALSE. THE ROKG HAS NO INTENTION OF PROPOSING THE DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK.

B. SINCE UNCURK WAS CREATED BY UN RESOLUTION, IT IS POLICY OF ROK TO ABIDE BY DECISION OF THE MAJORITY OF UN MEMBER NATIONS. THIS IS NOT A QUESTION ON WHICH THE ROKG SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE.

C. ROKG IS OPPOSED TO WITHDRAWAL OF UN FORCES FROM KOREA. IF THE UNC IS DISSOLVED THIS WILL CONSTITUTE THE ELIMINATION OF A PARTY TO THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, THUS JEOPARDIZING THE TRUCE AGREEMENT ITSELF. THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF UNC IS ESSENTIAL FACTOR FOR PRESERVATION OF PEACE IN KOREAN PENINSULA.

D. EVEN IF GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSES A RESOLUTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF UNC, THIS MATTER IS SUBJECT TO FINAL DECISION BY SECURITY COUNCIL. AS LONG AS THE UNITED STATES REMAINS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF SECURITY COUNCIL, SUCH A RESOLUTION WILL NOT BE PASSED.

4. COMMENT: MOFA UPSET AT ANOTHER APPARENT JAPANESE LEAK REGARDING ROK FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE. SOURCE OF INFORMATION CITED IN PRESS STORY WAS CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN MINISTER KIM AND AMBASSADORS OF U.S., U.K., AND JAPAN. OBVIOUS ASSUMPTION KOREANS IS THAT SOURCE OF STORY WAS JAPANESE AMBASSADOR USHIROKU.  
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